

“For example, if one believes that affirmative action is good for black people, does it make sense to demand affirmative action in hostile or dogmatic terms? Obviously it would be more productive to take a diplomatic and conciliatory approach that would make at least verbal and symbolic concessions to white people who think that affirmative action discriminates against them. But leftist activists do not take such an approach because it would not satisfy their emotional needs.”

– Unabomber Manifesto

To date, the Trump administration has been an absolute tragedy. It has been the acting out of emotions. There are no adults in the room. I'm not saying there would have been adults in the room with the Kamala *regime* either, but I had some hopes for positive change with the Trump tech-bro alliance and now they are gone. At least truths are being laid bare versus heads being buried in the sands of *joy*, but I think there was a much better way.

For example, I don't support America funding the war in Ukraine. But the way Zelensky was treated is just *dumb*. See the Unabomber quote above, between this and the Munich speech, Mr. JD Vance, I hope your emotional needs are being met (at the expense of the good will of our allies).

It's the economy, stupid

Regardless of anyone's long-term objectives in the US, be they decoupling from China, bringing manufacturing to the US, bringing lifestyle improvements to US citizens; I think it's unquestionable that *uncertainty* about the future was needlessly increased. And unless the uncertainty was the goal, I can't figure out why things were done the way they were. And if the uncertainty was the goal...uhhh...is our government captured by Russian or Chinese agents? Because that's [who benefits](#).

I don't trust the news very much. I have no idea if the guy in the El Salvador prison had a fair trial, if the students being deported are criminals, or even if they are being deported at all. It's really hard and time consuming to get to the truth about any of these things.



However, when markets crash. that is obviously real. With the news, there's usually no way to trade on it being real or fake, there's nobody to take the other side. But with big public markets, there's very deep liquidity if you think they are *priced wrong*.



In addition to the 10% the market is down, the dollar is also down 10%. Considering the market is priced in dollars, it's closer to 20% down. And even worse on top of all of this, prices are going up due to the tariffs.

Was crashing the economy the goal? A side-effect of a greater plan? Because given how this was executed, a 3-week old LLM could have told you shit was gonna crash.

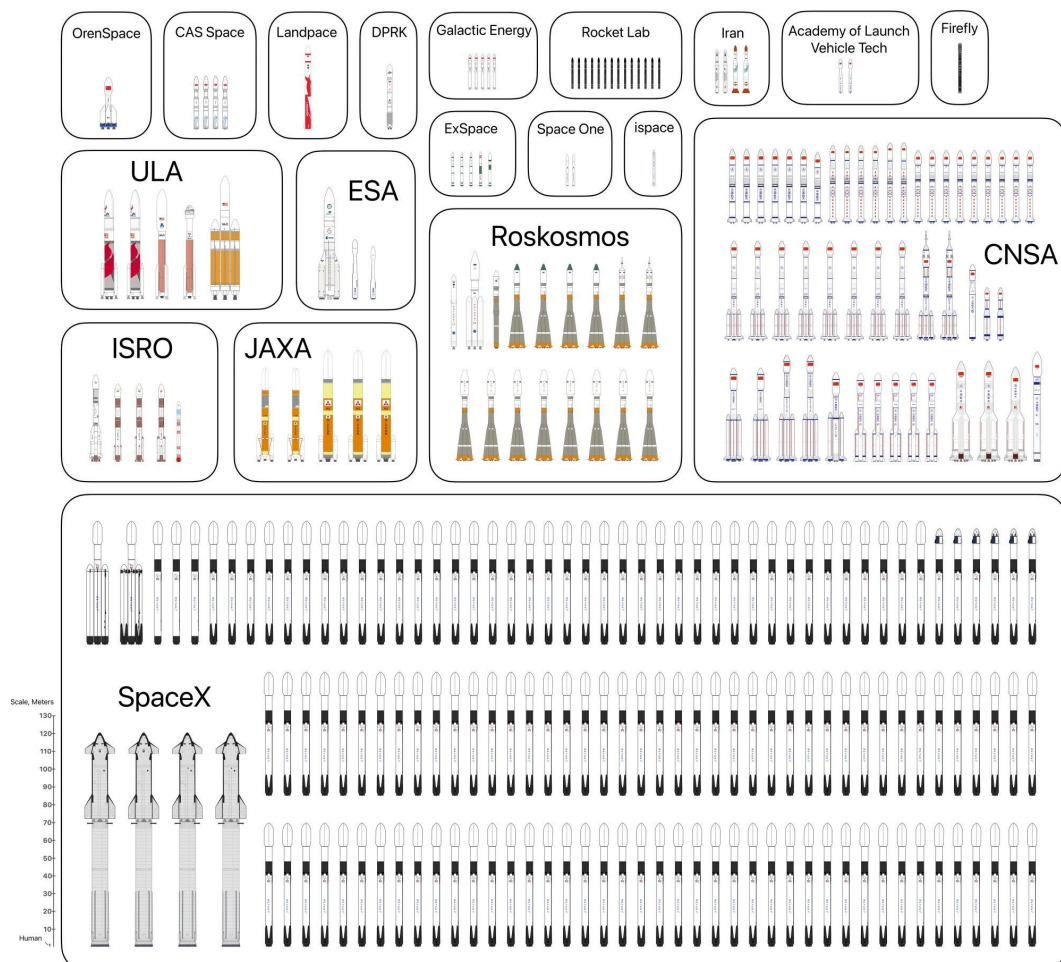
And it's [not going to bring manufacturing back](#). I have done manufacturing in America for years, and anyone with any experience could have told you that this wouldn't work, manufacturing requires long term investment and long term investment requires stability.

What was the real goal here?

Elon, you need to reconcile with your daughter

Andrew Callaghan [did a good piece on Elon's radicalization](#). I get it, we have all been there. For me it was Gamergate (which still has a terrible wikipedia page that doesn't explain what it was). But this doesn't have to be you forever. You are the closest thing to an adult in any room in America.

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When you compare America to China, it's really more like comparing Elon to China. ULA is a little joke compared to CNSA. And look into what percent of

US car exports are Teslas. The man is singlehandedly beating the rest of the US combined. If you want any hope of standing against China, your political coalition better include him.

Elon has been pretty politically quiet lately. I'm sure [he knew exactly what would happen with the tariffs](#), but he couldn't stop them. I got fooled too, thought it could be different this time. But it's [no different from 2017](#). (btw, we are finally beating climate change thanks to cheap solar panels from China)

I know the idea of PR is against a lot of what you believe in, but you need to heads down put together a large scale PR campaign, distance yourself from this train wreck, denounce stupid fake right wing conspiracy theories, reconcile with your daughter (from a reader of sci-fi and The Culture, is the trans thing that hard to understand?), resolve your stupid beef with OpenAI (we are all disappointed, but you don't have a great track record for open source either), and start building a new political party.

- Pro large scale skilled legal immigration, not a single illegal border crosser.
- Pro choice (within reason), and also pro gun (within reason).
- Inclusive and diverse, with an unwavering focus on merit.
- Anti crime, with an understanding that victimless crime is not crime.
- Expose higher education and the medical system to the free market (watch how fast prices fall)
- Free market and trade, but not an unregulated market. Markets require regulation to be free.

It's probably the only shot we have against China. The current Republicans and Democrats are just far too stupid; the Chinese are watching this tariff drama and laughing their asses off. Their plans are measured in centuries.

America, do you want to be a protectionist backwater?

If so, and all the [thymos](#) is gone, then there's no place for me there. If this is really the way things are going, the only thing for anyone to do is leave.

We'll see how it shapes up in the next few years. But if the [racists](#) or the [other racists](#) are still running the show, we really are just cooked. Enjoy your